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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS DESCRIBES  
IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS REQUIRING ACTION FOLLOWING SIGNATURE OF  
GENEVA DECLARATION.

1. AFTER DISCUSSION OF SOVIET POSITION REPORTED SEPTTEL, FOREIGN  
MINISTER MAVROS ENUMERATED VARIOUS IMMEDIATE SUBJECTS THAT  
REQUIRED ACTION PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS  
DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK. HE ALSO GAVE ME RELEVANT  
BACKGROUND ON FIRST PHASE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS.

2. MAVROS RECALLED THAT AGREEMENT PROVIDED FOR MEETING  
OF ONE GREEK, ONE TURK AND ONE BRITISH OFFICIAL IN PRESENCE  
OF UNFICYP OFFICER ON JULY 31 TO ESTABLISH LINE BETWEEN  
OPPOSING FORCES IN KYRENIA-NICOSIA BEACHHEAD AS IT WAS ON  
NIGHT OF 30 JULY. WHILE MESSAGE HAD IMMEDIATELY GONE TO  
UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK TO ARRANGE FOR UNFICYP  
PARTICIPATION, ORDER HAD NOT BEEN FORTHCOMING SO THAT NO

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MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE, AND IN MEANTIME TURKISH FORCES

CONTINUED EXTENDING THEIR BEACHHEAD. WHILE I HAVE IMPRESSION MAVROS THOUGHT MATTER HAD NOW BEEN TAKEN CARE OF BY ISSUANCE OF APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW YORK, PROBLEM OF MOVING AHEAD PROMPTLY TO ESTABLISH LINE, REMAINED SERIOUS AS EVIDENCED BY FACT TURK FORCES STILL EXPANDING BEACHHEAD. CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD HAD ALSO REPORTED TWO NEW VIOLATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE: FIRST INVOLVING TURKISH TROOPS DEPLOYED IN AREA OF ELDYK BARRACKS AND SECOND TURKISH MORTAR AND MACHINE GUN ACTION AGAINST NATIONAL GUARD ON AGRIDAKI HILL TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF THE VILLAGE OF SISKLIPOS. ALTHOUGH SOME MINOR BREACHES OF THE CEASE-FIRE WERE PROBABLY INEVITABLE, IF THEY CONTINUED THEY COULD CONSTITUTE REAL THREAT TO IMPLEMENTATION CEASE-FIRE. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WAS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO REACH PROMPT AGREEMENT ON BUFFER ZONE OR LINE BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES.

3. MAVROS DESCRIBED THIS CONVERSATION WITH GUNES ON ISSUE AND INDICATED HE HAD BEN FORTHRIGHT IN DENOUNCING AS UN-ACCEPTABLE INITIAL TURKISH DEMAND FOR BUFFER ZONE SIXTEEN KILOMETERS IN WIDTH. TURKS HAD REMAINED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. MAVROS TOLD ME HE HAD EMPHASIZED PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES, PARTICULARLY SINCE AREA INVOLVED WAS FARM LAND, LARGELY INHABITED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS, WHO COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO CULTIVATE THEIR FIELDS AND FEEL SECURE IN AREA UNDER TURKISH GUNS, AND UNFICYP, EVEN WITH ENLARGEMENT, COULD NOT PROTECT THEM. HE HAD TOLD GUNES THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE FOR FORCES NOT TO BE SEPARATED BY BROAD AREA BUT BY NARROW LINE WHICH USUALLY PRODUCED BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL ACCOMMODATIONS. HE DESCRIBED NEGOTIATION ON THIS POINT AT GENEVA AS TYPICAL RUG MERCHANT TACTICS AND IN FACT MADE THIS POINT TO GUNES. HE HOPED U.S. COULD PUT PRESSURE ON TURKS TO TAKE SENSIBLE POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AND ASKED THAT I REPORT THIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON IN HOPE USG COULD HELP INDUCE TURKS TO BE FORTHCOMING.

4. ON QUESTION OF CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION, MAVROS TOLD ME THAT CLERIDES WOULD COME TO ATHENS AUGUST 7 FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. PLAN APPARENTLY NOW ENVISAGES THAT GENEVA DISCUSSIONS WOULD RESUME AUGUST 8 WITHOUT CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION BUT WOULD TAKE UP QUESTION OF FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

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AUGUST 10 AT WHICH TIME BOTH CLERIDES AND DENKTASH WOULD JOIN NEGOTIATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, HE INDICATED MAKARIOS NOW RECOGNIZED THERE WAS NO ROLE FOR HIM IN GENEVA AND WOULD NOT COME. MAVROS EMPHASIZED THAT GOG POSITION ON PARTICIPATION OF CYPRIOTS ON CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS WAS FIRM. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS CLEAR TURKS DID NOT WISH TO USE 1960 CONSTITUTION AS BASIS. HE ASKED ABOUT US POSITION ON FEDERATION. I SAID THAT OUR VIEW REMAINED THAT PARTIES SHOULD FOCUS ON PRACTICAL AND ACCEPTABLE

CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN SEMANTICS, OBSERVING, HOWEVER, THAT WORDS LIKE FEDERATION COULD COVER A BROAD SPECTRUM OF POSSIBLE GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS. MAVROS SAID HE FELT PROPOSALS WORKED OUT BY CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS GAVE GOOD BASIS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

5. AT ONE POINT IN OUR CONVERSATION MAVROS REVERTED TO APPARENTLY PRIVATE EXCHANGES HE HAD WITH TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES. HE SAID HE HAD MADE PLAIN THAT IF ISSUE BECAME ONE OF HUMILIATION OF GREECE OR WAR, GREEK ANSWER WOULD BE WAR. HE APPARENTLY MADE THIS POINT AS INDUCEMENT TO GUNES TO TRY TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES. HE SAID HE HAD TOLD GUNES THAT SUCH A WAR MIGHT NOT LAST VERY LONG BUT BOTH COUNTRIES WOULD LOSE. IN FACT, HE HAD ADDED THAT SOVIET TROOPS MIGHT WELL ENTER TURKEY -- SEVEN SOVIET DIVISIONS WERE AVAILABLE FOR THIS -- ALLEGEDLY TO PROTECT IT. RESULT THAT BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY MIGHT END UP OUTSIDE OF NATO. HE ADDED HE ALSO TOLD GUNES THAT HE UNDERSTOOD PROBLEMS OF TURKISH GOVERNMENT, BUT TURKS SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT IF GENEVA DISCUSSIONS FAILED CARAMANLIS GOVERNMENT WOULD RESIGN.

6. AS WE CONCLUDED THIS PART OF CONVERSATION, MAVROS REPEATED THAT EVERYTHING MUST BE WELL PREPARED FOR RESUMPTION OF GENEVA TALKS NEXT WEEK, AND IT WAS IN THIS SENSE THAT HE WAS REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM U.S., PARTICULARLY IN BRINGING ABOUT PROMPT INTERIM AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING LINE BETWEEN OPPOSING FORCES ON ISLAND. GOG IN THE MEANTIME HAD ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MAKARIOS WHO HAD INITIALLY INQUIRED WHETHER GREECE WAS GIVING UP ITS RIGHTS IN CYPRUS. WHEN MAVROS RESPONDED NEGATIVELY, MAKARIOS HAD TURNED TO QUESTION OF CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA WHERE HE HAD BEEN SATISFIED BY ASSURANCES THAT BOTH CLERIDES AND DENKTASH WOULD BE PRESENT AS FULL PARTICIPANTS.

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